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The TATLER.

By *Iſaac Bickerſtaff* Eſq;

Verba Togæ ſequeris, Junctura callidus acri,
Ore teres modico, pallentes radere Mores,
Doctus, & ingenuo Culpam defigere Ludo. Perſ. Sat. 5.

From *Saturday December* 9. to *Tueſday December* 12. 1710.

From my own Apartment, December 11.

Timothy Treatall Gent. was indicted by ſeveral Ladies of his Siſter's Acquaintance for a very rude Affront offered to them at an Entertainment, to which he had invited them on *Tueſday* the Seventh of *November* laſt paſt, between the Hours of Eight and Nine in the Evening. The Indictment ſet forth, That the ſaid Mr. *Treatall*, upon the ſerving up of the Supper, deſired the Ladies, to take their Places according to their different Age and Seniority, for that it was the Way always at his Table to pay Reſpect to Years. The Indictment added, That this produced an unſpeakable Confuſion in the Company; for that the Ladies who before had preſſed together for a Place at the upper End of the Table, immediately crowded with the ſame Diſorder towards the End that was quite oppoſite; That Mrs. *Frontly* had the Inſolence to clap her ſelf down at the very loweſt Place of the Table; That the Widow *Partlett* ſeated her ſelf on the Right-Hand of Mrs. *Frontly*, alledging for her Excuſe, That no Ceremony was to be uſed at a round Table: That Mrs. *Fidgett* and Mrs. *Feſcue* diſputed above Half an Hour for the ſame Chair; and that the latter would not give up the Cauſe till it was decided by the Pariſh Regiſter, which happened to be kept hard by. The Indictment further ſaid, That the reſt of the Company who ſat down did it with a Reſerve to their Right, which they were at Liberty to aſſert on another Occaſion; and that Mrs. *Mary Pippe*, an old Maid, was placed by the unanimous Vote of the whole Company at the upper End of the Table, from whence ſhe had the Confuſion to behold ſeveral Mothers of Families among her Inferiors. The Criminal alledged in his Defence, That what he had done was to raiſe Mirth and avoid Ceremony; and that the Ladies did not complain of his Rudeneſs till the next Morning, having eaten up what he had provided for them with great Readineſs and Alacrity. The Cenſor frowning upon him, told him, That he ought not to diſcover ſo much Levity in Matters of a ſerious Nature, and (upon the Jury's bringing him in guilty) ſentenced him to treat the whole Aſſembly of Ladies over again, and to take Care he did it with that Decorum which was due to Perſons of their Quality.

Rebecca Shapely, Spinſter, was indicted by Mrs. *Sarah Smack* for ſpeaking many Words reflecting upon her Reputation, and the Heels of her Silk Slippers, which the Priſoner had maliciouſly ſuggeſted to be Two Inches higher than they really were. The Proſecutor urged, as an Aggravation of her Guilt, That the Priſoner was her ſelf guilty of the ſame Kind of Forgery which ſhe had laid to the Proſecutor's Charge, for that ſhe the ſaid *Rebecca Shapely* did always wear a Pair of Steel Bodice, and a falſe Rump. The Cenſor ordered the Slippers to be produced in open Court, where the Heels were adjudged to be of the ſtatutable Size. He then ordered the Grand Jury to ſearch the Criminal, who, after ſome Time ſpent therein, acquitted her of the Bodice, but found her guilty of the Rump; upon which ſhe received Sentence as is uſual in ſuch Caſes.

William Trippit Eſq; of the *Middle-Temple*, brought his Action againſt the Lady *Elizabeth Prudely* for having refuſed him her Hand as he offered to lead her to her Coach from the Opera. The Plaintiff ſet forth, That he had entered himſelf into the Liſt of thoſe Volunteers who officiate every Night behind the Boxes as Gentlemen-Uſhers of the Play-Houſe; That he had been at a conſiderable Charge in white Gloves, Periwigs, and Snuff-Boxes, in order to qualify himſelf for that Employment, and in Hopes of making his Fortune by it. The Council for the Defendant reply'd, That the Plaintiff had given out, that he was within a Month of wedding their Client, and that ſhe had refuſed her Hand to him in Ceremony, leſt he ſhould interpret it as a Promiſe that ſhe would give it him in Marriage. As ſoon as the Pleadings on both Sides were finiſhed, the Cenſor ordered the Plaintiff to be caſhiered from his Office of Gentleman-Uſher to the Play-houſe, ſince it was too plain that he had undertaken it with an ill Deſign; and at the ſame Time ordered the Defendant either to marry the ſaid Plaintiff, or to pay him Half a Crown for the new Pair of Gloves and Coach-hire that he was at the Expence of in her Service.

The Lady *Townly* brought an Action of Debt againſt Mrs. *Flambeau*, for that the ſaid Mrs. *Flambeau* had not been to ſee the ſaid Lady *Townly*, and wiſh her Joy, ſince her Marriage with Sir *Ralph*, notwithſtanding ſhe the ſaid Lady *Townly* had paid Mrs. *Flambeau* a Viſit upon her firſt coming to Town. It was urged in the Behalf of the Defendant, That the Plaintiff had never given her any regular

regular Notice of her being in Town; That the Viſit ſhe alledged had been made on a *Monday*, which ſhe knew was a Day on which Mrs. *Flambeau* was always abroad, having ſet aſide that only Day in the Week to mind the Affairs of her Family; That the Servant who enquired whether ſhe was at Home, did not give the Viſiting-Knock; That it was not between the Hours of Five and Eight in the Evening; That there were no Candles lighted up; That it was not on Mrs. *Flambeau*'s Day; And, in ſhort, that there was not one of the eſſential Points obſerved that conſtitute a Viſit. She further proved by her Porter's Book, which was produced in Court, that ſhe had paid the Lady *Townly* a Viſit on the Twenty fourth Day of *March*, juſt before her leaving the Town, in the Year 1709-10, for which ſhe was ſtill Creditor to the ſaid Lady *Townly*. To this the Plaintiff only reply'd, That ſhe was now under Covert, and not liable to any Debts contracted when ſhe was a ſingle Woman. Mr. *Bickerſtaff* finding the Cauſe to be very intricate, and that ſeveral Points of Honour were likely to ariſe in it, he deferred giving Judgment upon it till the next Seſſion-Day; at which Time he ordered the Ladies on his Left Hand to preſent to the Court a Table of all the Laws relating to Viſits

Winifred Lear brought her Action againſt *Richard Sly* for having broken a Marriage-Contract, and wedded another Woman, after he had engaged himſelf to marry the ſaid *Winifred Lear*. She alledged, That he had ogled her twice at an Opera, thrice in *St. James*'s Church, and once at *Powell*'s Puppet-Show, at which Time he promiſed her Marriage by a Side-Glance, as her Friend could teſtify that ſat by her. Mr. *Bickerſtaff* finding that the Defendant had made no further Overture of Love or Marriage, but by Looks and ocular Engagements; yet at the ſame Time conſidering how very apt ſuch impudent Seducers are to lead the Ladies Hearts aſtray, ordered the Criminal to ſtand upon the Stage in the *Hay-Market* between each Act of the next Opera, there to be expoſed to publick View as a falſe Ogler.

Upon the Riſing of the Court, Mr. *Bickerſtaff* having taken one of theſe Counterfeits in the very Fact as he was ogling a Lady of the Grand Jury, ordered him to be ſeized, and proſecuted upon the Statute of Ogling. He likewiſe directed the Clerk of the Court to draw up an Edict againſt theſe common Cheats, that make Women believe, they are diſtracted for them by ſtaring them out of Countenance, and often blaſt a Lady's Reputation whom they never ſpoke to, by ſauey Looks and diſtant Familiarities.

Adverſiements.

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